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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: GROUP OF 77 - "DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION"

REF: GENEVA 1076, GENEVA 1120

1. US TSB REP WISHES CALL TO ATTENTION EB/FTD AN EXTRACT FROM THE "DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION" ADOPTED BY GROUP OF 77 AT MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN MANILA JAN 7, 1976. UNDER SECTION TITLED "MANUFACTURES AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES" AND, SPECIFICALLY, PARA I(V) THEREOF IS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION:

"IT IS NECESSARY TO AVOID THE PROLONGATION AND MULTIPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS DESIGNED TO VALIDATE ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO 'VOLUNTARILY, RESTRAIN THEIR EXPORTS, AS IN THE CASE IN THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES (REF GENEVA 1120).

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2. IF, IN COURSE OF UNCTAD IV, THIS RECOMMENDATION BECOMES
FIXED IN CONCRETE, IT CAN ONLY RENDER MORE DIFFICULT
THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR OBJECTIVE OF EXTENSION OF THE
MFA. IN US REP'S VIEW, WE MAY HAVE SEEN AN EARLY
REFLECTION OF THIS POSITION IN THE ATTITUDES AND
POSITIONS TAKEN BY SOME DEVELOPING COUNTRY REPS IN TSB'S
THIRTY-THIRD SESSION (REF GENEVA 1076).

3. IT WOULD, THEREFORE, SEEM OBVIOUS THAT THE US AND
OTHER COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN HAVING MFA EXTENDED (AND
KEPT OUT OF MTN) AT LEAST BEGIN TO CONSIDER SOONER
RATHER THAN LATER WAYS AND MEANS OF ACHIEVING OUR
OBJECTIVE. DALE

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